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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have got it very much in mind, Sir, that poor men suffer more than rich men; I think, I can understand all that easily."

*Desilting of the Thiruvanthipuram Anicut, Cuddalore.*

* 75 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 11-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Thiruvanthipuram Anicut, Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, is silted up for the past five years; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken to desilt the same?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A channel 50 feet wide and 3½ feet deep has been excavated above the anicut, on the left side, to give a clear approach to the supply channel taking off from the anicut. Further, to keep this approach channel and the left margin of the river clear of shoals, proposals for providing additional scour vents for this anicut are under examination by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation)."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" அந்த அணைக்கட்டில் இரண்டு ஆண்டுகளாக மணல் மேடிட்டு தண்ணீர் பாய முடியாமல் இருப்பதால் சுமார் ஆயிரம் ஏக்கர் நிலம் சாகுபடியாகாமலிருப்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிந்திருந்தும் ஏன் துரிதமாக நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கவில்லை ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that the scheme is under investigation, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" எவ்வளவு காலமாக இத்திட்டம் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been so all along. Now we are taking very expeditious steps to attend to this problem."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் இதை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவர அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It cannot be said, Sir. As early as possible."

*Certain cases of alleged suicide in the Kollengode hospital.*

* 76 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any news from Kollengode village, Palghat taluk, Malabar, about the alleged suicide by more than 35 persons who had been admitted in the Kollengode hospital some months ago and if so, what were the reasons for the suicide?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative.